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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 16 March 2006.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 21-23.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The attorney briefly discussed claims 21-23, for which interference is being sought, and how the "creation of authenticators" is supported in the specification. The examiner explained that in his view, the specification supports "using authenticators" to "authenticate users' biometric data and user PIN", however, the "creation" of "authenticators" is still not clearly supported in view of the specification, as related to claims 21 and 22.

The attorney also discussed proposed amendments for other pending claims (e.g. claim 1) and the examiner provided feedback on the proposed amendments broadening/changing the scope of the invention with regards to the change from "debit card" to "smart card". The attorney shall discuss the proposed amendment with the applicant and file a response, as appropriate.